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Long live
the king

"King Arthur" dubbed
historically mediocre.

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Stormy weather downs trees

By Evan Hill
NEWS EDITOR

Thunderstorms ripped through the Charleston area Tuesday bringing down trees and causing Lincoln Avenue in front of Old Main to be barricaded while a cracked utility pole was fixed. However, no tornados touched down in Coles county.

This damage was caused by a frontal thunderstorm. Dalias Price, former weather and climate professor at Eastern and local weather observer, said clouds, precipitation and eventually thunderstorms are caused by warm air being forced to rise over colder air.

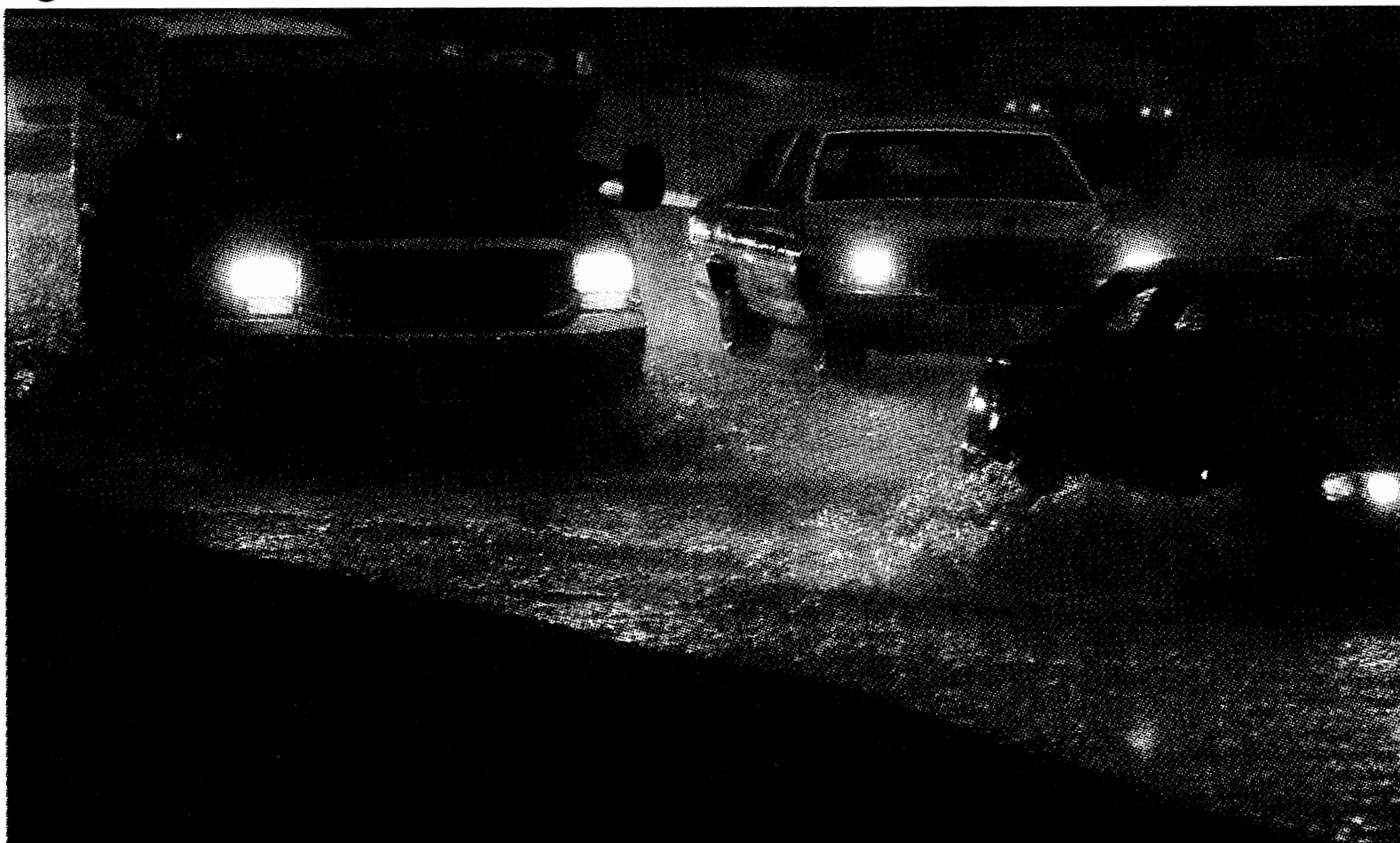
A hazardous weather outlook on the National Weather Service's web site, <http://www.noaa.org/>, said "a strong cold front" moved southeast into an "extremely unstable atmosphere."

However, residents of the mid-west usually experience air mass thunderstorms this time of year, Price said. An air mass thunderstorm is produced by heating of the ground and the air above it. The air rises and eventually.

Price said a lot of moisture must be present in the atmosphere for an air mass thunderstorm to be triggered, these storms are often strengthened by moisture from the Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific Ocean.

The hot air Coles county has had should give way to cooler temperatures later this week though, Price said. Tuesday's high of 92 degrees still fell short of the record high of 106 degrees in 1954.

Price said a cold front positioned in Canada will soon begin to move down into the Midwestern states. Temperatures will drop to the low 80s. However, remaining high humidity could cause air mass thunderstorms.



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Traffic travels through high water on Lincoln Avenue Tuesday during a storm that downed power lines, trees and branches. Lincoln Avenue was temporarily shut down between Fourth and Seventh streets to allow Ameren CIPS workers to fix a leaning utility pole.

There's no place like Blair

*Former Blair Hall occupants adjust
after the fire, damaged documents
are returned*

By Holly Henschen
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Nearly three months after the Blair Hall blaze, displaced faculty and staff are getting their smoke and water damaged office contents back from the cleaners.

The April 28 fire was sparked by heat transferred to material lodged in a wall from an implement used by a building service worker to peel paint.

Residents of Blair Hall were left without a permanent working space and lodged temporarily in the old Clinical Services building at the corner of Seventh and Hayes Streets.

The contents of their offices were to be shipped away in a salvage attempt.

The boxes of books are coming back by the truckload this week. But results are mixed.

"You take out one book, and it's in perfect condition," said Gary Foster, chair of the sociology department. "You take out other books, and they're just...shot."

Foster said it was not the move to the makeshift office building that was taxing, but the lack of resources made it difficult.

"We had desks and filing cabinets, but nothing to fill them," he said. "As a consequence, it was pretty difficult to carry on."

Faculty in damaged offices lost, among other things, lecture notes and research. Some things may not be returned if they are in irreparable condition.

Conducting class was the most difficult aspect of post-Blair blaze life, Foster said.

"We know what videos we want to show, but we've lost them," he said. "We know what overheads we want to show, but we've lost those. The Power points, they're gone. It's literally like starting all over."

Many university offices lost a home base in the partial destruction of Blair Hall.

Eastern's sociology, anthropology and African American studies departments, along with the Graduate School, International Program, Grants and Research, the University Council, the Gateway Program, Minority Affairs and the school of continuing education are all tucked tightly into the old health

services building.

Some offices are old examine rooms, still equipped with sinks. One particularly unique office space was an X-Ray room. The sign on the door, marked with a Biohazard symbol warns "Caution-KEEP OUT."

Classes formerly held in Blair have been diverted to Klehm Hall, Buzzard Hall and Student Health Services.

Blair Hall occupants have been making due without their normal libraries and files, but a sense of uncertainty lingers in the halls of the temporary building.

Foster thinks things will get back to normal once the plan for next semester is set in stone.

But Foster said he thinks students may have been unsure of their professor's whereabouts during Intersession.

Plans for Fall semester will "involve playing a lot of catch-up," he said. "We wait for stuff to come back, hoping that what we need to carry on routinely in class will be there."

Many lost research data in the Blair fire. The thought would devastate many, but Foster is hopeful.

"I'm not as excited about the research," Foster said. "I think that will come back."

Foster had 10 years of research collected in his office. He studies historical demographics through cemetery data.

The relocation has been less disadvantageous for other Blair Hall refugees.

Don Dawson, an academic advisor for the Gateway Program, had been in his Blair Hall office since he started at Eastern in 1998.

The program had no home immediately after Blair burned.

"For a day and a half, we were wandering campus," Dawson said. It was first thought the Gateway Program's advisers would be relocated to Booth library, but that didn't pan out.

Dawson said the move has only been a fact of location in his situation.

"Since we were on a lower floor and far away from the fire, we were able to get documents back in a few weeks," he said.

The Gateway Program assists incoming students with low ACT scores or GPA's through guidance and workshops.

"We've been telling our students at orientation we don't know where we will be," Dawson said. "We need to be close to campus because all of our students are

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Post-fire update

President Lou Hencken made an announcement in the University Newsletter Wednesday regarding the state of Blair Hall.

Exterior construction:

The university placed a bid in the Higher Education Procurement bulletin in early July requesting construction bids for Blair Hall's permanent roof structure and temporary roof covering. Bids are due to Eastern by July 22. The Board of Trustees is scheduled to approve the recommended bid at the Aug. 2 meeting.

The permanent roof structure and temporary roof covering construction should begin mid-August. It is expected this project will be completed by October.

Interior construction

Twenty-one architect/engineers responded to Eastern's bid request for renovation of the inside of Blair Hall. Five firms were selected by a committee comprised of Blair Hall occupants, Purchasing and Facilities Planning and management. Representatives from the firms will visit campus in late July for interviews. The BOT will also select a architect/engineer from this group at the Aug. 2 meeting.

"The search continues for temporary housing for Blair Hall occupants," Hencken said in the newsletter.

Departments may stay in the Clinical Services building until December, depending upon the speed in which other temporary facilities can be accrued.

"During this time you don't see a lot of activity" on the exterior of Blair Hall because plans are being made for its repair.

Warrant issued in shooting

By Jake Bough
SUMMER INTERN

Police have issued a warrant for the arrest of a man wanted in connection with the attempted murder of a prospective Eastern student and football player early Saturday morning, according to a press release issued by the Charleston Police Department.

Terrence Williams, 18, who recently moved here from Florida, was treated at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center after allegedly being shot in the shoulder by Steven J. Byrns, 38, according to a press release.

The CPD has set the bond for \$150,000 for the charge of aggravated discharge of a firearm.

The incident took place on the 500 block of Harrison Street in Charleston. Police were dispatched to Sarah Bush at 1:30 a.m. responding to reports of a gunshot wound.

The investigation is still ongoing, but the press release said police are looking for Byrns in northern Illinois where they think he resides.

According to a police report, Byrns can be identified by a spiderman tattoo on his head and a small teardrop tattoo near one of his eyes. He was described as a white male, 5'5 to 5'8 tall and weighing 150 pounds.

Byrns may also go by "JoJo" and drives a new model Dodge pickup truck with a topper, according to the police report.

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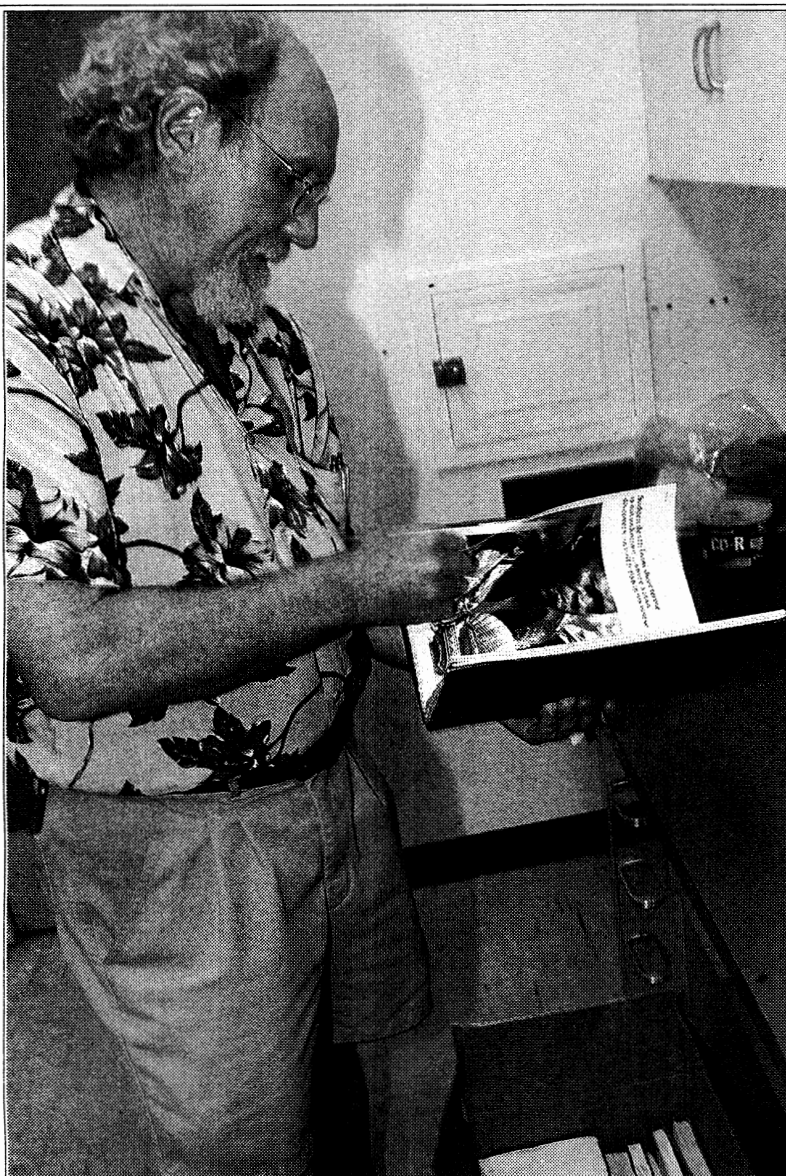
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Monday
Sunny
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HIGH LOW

Tuesday
Partly cloudy
86° 69°
HIGH LOW



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Gary Foster, sociology and anthropology chair, sorts through a box of books Tuesday afternoon. The books, which were damaged in the Blair Hall fire, were returned from "FILL IN COMPANY NAME HERE", where they were freeze-dried and put through gamma radiation, which removed moisture and killed mold.

Blair:

Damaged documents underwent ozone restoration

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around his office. "Everybody was accustomed to their own space (in Blair), almost like a home away from home," Dawson said.

But the relocation has its advantages, he said. The location is central to campus.

"We're more like family now," he said of the bond of being tossed together in an unlikely situation.

"We stick together, and we'll get through this," Dawson said.

Jason Watkins, project manager from NBD International Inc., explained the way his company restored the materials salvaged from Blair Hall. NBD is a company based in Ravenna, Ohio.

The multistep process begins with stabilization of the documents. This is done by freezing them.

"No further damage occurs to them while they're in a frozen state," Watkins said.

The materials are then dried

through the three phase "proprietary desiccant process," he said. Documents are first exposed to low humidity and high temperature to draw out the moisture. "It's kind of like the temperature in New Mexico or Arizona," Watkins said. "A very dry heat."

The second phase in the process is done through gamma radiation to eliminate microbial growth, aka mold.

The documents are run through a control chamber and exposed to cobalt, which kills any mold or spores that may have sprouted before they were frozen, Watkins said.

The final step is odor removal. Since paper is particularly receptive to odors like smoke and musty mold, documents are subjected to a thermal fogging and ozone exposure. The thermal fogging is "different types of chemical put into an extremely fine mist," Watkins said.

The ozone exposure used chemistry to rid the documents of stench. Ozone has three oxygen molecules, and oxygen has two.

"It turns residual smoke odor into carbon dioxide," Watkins said. The odor then dissipates.

The smell might be gone, but for displaced Blair Hall occupants, the memory remains.

Serving:

"She went well beyond what anyone would expect" -Hencken

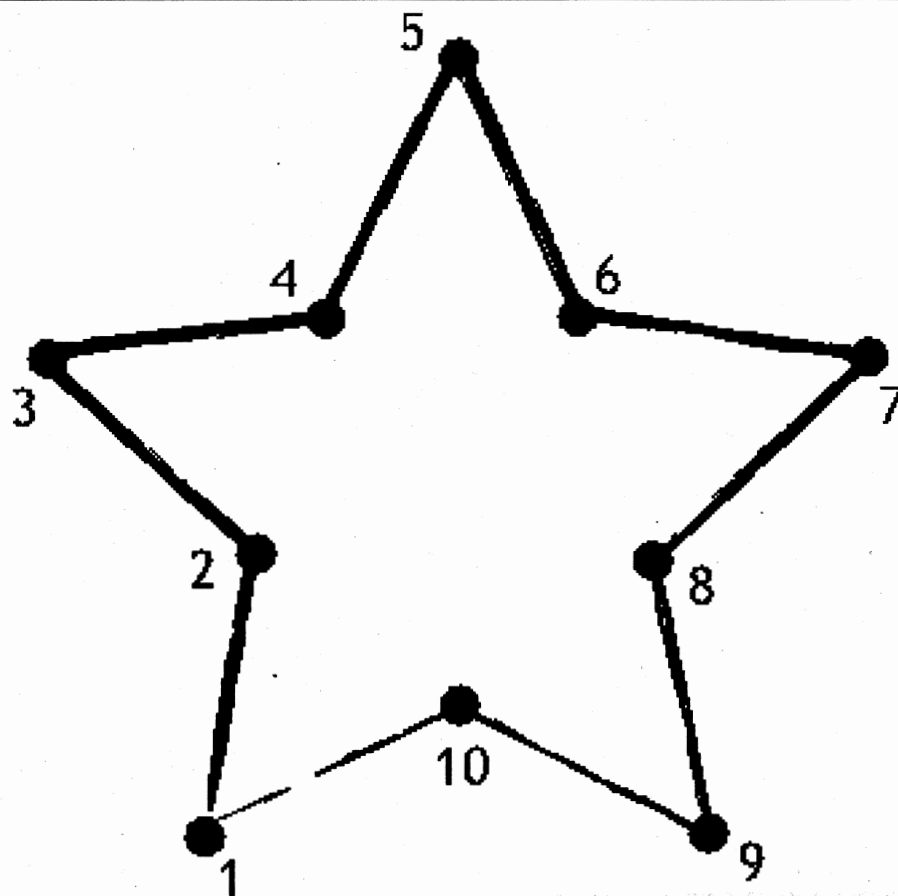
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Uganda.

"I haven't gotten there, yet. But should," Anderson said.

"She tried everything she could to make international students feel welcome," said Eastern President Lou Hencken. He met Anderson when he was the director of housing and she was director of international students. He remembered she would often drive to Chicago to pick up students who were arriving from places like Hong Kong.

"She went well beyond what anyone would expect," he said. "You would have to print a 24-page edition if you wanted to list all of the things she did for them."



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Thinking globally, serving locally

By Holly Henschen
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Eulalee Anderson recently approached a man in the parking lot of Wesley United Methodist Church because she thought he looked be foreign. She was right. Upon discovering the man was Malaysian, Anderson introduced herself. He instantly recognized her. He heard Anderson speak in May's commencement ceremony when she was awarded an honorary degree in public service.

At 85 years old, Anderson already had two masters degrees and a bachelors degree. The former director of international studies at Eastern, she has been like a mother to foreign students since she joined the Eastern community over 40 years ago.

"She has provided those students a welcoming smile and a place to find security when they are homesick," said Jill Nilsen, vice president of external relations at Eastern.

A FOREIGN FRIEND

"I don't find it strange to talk to foreign people," Anderson said. "I've always felt foreign myself."

Anderson's background experience makes it easier to talk to people from other countries. She has visited about 40 countries. Speaking to international visitors is facilitated by Anderson's multilingual fluency. She speaks Portuguese, German, Spanish, French and a dab of Russian, Chinese and Arabic.

Anderson "retired" in 1978 after 5 years as director of the International Student Affairs Office at Eastern. She started working at the university in 1968 in Booth Library circulation. The international studies position was where Anderson's passion for education and people from around the world met.

In addition to her formal duties, she found homes and transportation to students, invited students into her home and showed them the Coles County area.

Anderson often loaded international students into her motorhome to visit cultural sites, such as Amish Country and Lincoln Log Cabins for picnics.

She was born a Brazilian, Eulalee Long, in 1919. Her mother, the daughter of pioneering 19th century missionaries in the country, wrote many books in Portuguese. Her father initiated the YMCA in Brazil, and also introduced Mother's Day to the country, she said.

Anderson attended a school founded by German immigrants



Eulalee Anderson stands with a sample of her more than 300 camels from all around the world. Anderson bought them a souvenirs in the she traveled to. International students also contributed to her collection with camels from their home countries.

from kindergarden until 5th grade. Aside from speaking English, Portuguese, and German, she was also schooled in French from the first grade.

U.S. EDUCATION

Anderson attended Brazilian school until her junior year in high school. She was 16 when her family then transplanted to the US because of the Great Depression. She graduated high school in Memphis, Tennessee.

Anderson said she had no concrete aspirations in her youth.

"I just loved life, and I loved school," she said. "I liked to do everything at the time, I wanted to do everything."

Following in the footsteps of her father and her brother, she went to Oklahoma University, where her younger sister, brother and eventually, her daughter would follow.

Many sororities at the university

invited Anderson to speak after learning she was from Brazil. She didn't rush, though, because she was had no time to participate in greek life.

When she was a sophomore, she met her future husband, a graduate student in geology. R.F. Anderson was 24 years old, she was 18.

"I was scared that he'd find out my age," she remembers. The age difference became irrelevant, and the Andersons were married in 1940. In the same year Eulalee graduated with a bachelors degree in home economics vocation education.

Later, her husband spent much time working in Syria, using his knowledge to direct oil companies where to drill for wells. Anderson stayed at home with her son and two daughters but did visit her husband in Syria occasionally.

She came to Mattoon in 1961

because her husband was working with oil companies in the area.

EASTERN LIFE

In 1968, Anderson ex ended her education with a masters degree in Spanish from Eastern. She was a graduate assistant in the university's first foreign language lab, housed in one of the towers of Old Main.

Twenty years ago, she earned a degree in gerontology with the intention of returning to Brazil to help her sister run a retirement home. But she wasn't finished with her public service in this area.

Education was always important to Anderson, who had the perception that Americans were educated. When she ran for County Board in 1972, she learned otherwise.

"I went house to house, and I couldn't believe some couldn't even read and write," she said. "And they talk about Brazilians being illiterate."

The Andersons' children were raised to travel. Facilitated by a motorhome and a plane, the family frequented Mexico and Canada. When her son and daughter completed their educations, they returned the favor by having mom and dad visit them abroad in various locations. Her son was involved in the Peace Corps and also studied in Egypt for 6 years, and her daughter is married to a U.S. State Department Employee who travels frequently. Anderson

has visited her son and daughter in every country they have called home, with one exception. She did not make it to Iraq because she was busy as international academic adviser.

Otherwise, Anderson has seen all of the middle East. She visited 8 African countries, the majority of South America, much of Asia, as well as Australia and New Zealand.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Her love for people and the world developed Anderson's definition of public service.

"It's anything that can help other people get an understanding, get involved in and enjoy what they do," she said. "People who do it always enjoy it."

MEMORIES

Anderson can recall the personal stories of many of the international students and faculty she entertained. She keeps several giant scrapbooks full of photos of foreign visitors to Eastern. Smiling with Anderson in the pictures, they appear welcome and secure.

Several pieces of poetry written in honor of Anderson by international students proclaim her maternal nature. One, written by an Iranian student, is called "A Universal Mother." It says "She is the mother of foreign students. her children come from all over the world."

As Anderson flips through her scrapbooks, she has a story for every picture and a name and country for every face.

The Andersons gave room and board to the brother of one Iranian student at Eastern.

The student was unable to study with this brother anxious to talk to him, so the Andersons gave him a home and jointly expanded the cross-cultural experience.

A Nigerian student named his first daughter after Eulalee. When her namesake was old enough to attend Eastern, Anderson worked diligently for the girl's scholarship, though it never materialized.

Anderson always encourages students to be active in service organizations because she has found so much satisfaction in civic activity.

More scrapbooks profile her many honors and awards in local newspapers, as well as national organization newsletters from which she won awards or distinguished mention. Anderson is involved in Rotary, Mortar Board, PTA and innumerable city, county, state and national organizations.

A recognizable figure on campus, Anderson has attended every Eastern commencement since 1961, often photographing international students as they walk away with their diplomas like their parents might do if they were present.

She has also known every Eastern president with the exception of Livingston C. Lord, though she did win the Distinguished Service Award in 1999 named after the university's first president.

Anderson still receives letters
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EDITORIAL

Federal Marriage Amendment should not pass

America was founded on the idea of freedom. As lifestyles change, more people are coming out as being homosexual. Despite America's world-renowned freedom and the increasing numbers of "outed" homosexuals, the U.S. Congress is trying to pass a Constitutional Amendment to ban homosexual marriage in the United States.

Doesn't this go against the whole idea of "with liberty and justice for all?"

If a man and a woman fall in love, they can go to a courthouse and get a marriage license. If they want, they can go to a church, temple, or a synagogue and have a religious leader wed them.

Rep. Marilyn Musgrave, R-Colo., addressed an audience at Thomas Road Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Va., on September 7, 2003, telling Christians they should vote to ban homosexual marriage to protect the sanctity of marriage.

But with a divorce rate of approximately 50 percent, even with heterosexuals, marriage doesn't seem to have much sanctity left.

Musgrave acknowledged this, saying, "Just because the institution of marriage is not held in the respect that we should give it does not mean that we should do away with the definition of marriage."

However, on Dictionary.com, the definition of marriage includes not only the words "[the] legal union of a man and woman as husband and wife," but also "[a] union between two persons having the customary but usually not the legal force of marriage: a same-sex marriage."

Times are changing, people are changing, and as American citizens, we should have the right to freely choose our marriage partners. These two people feel the same thing as do a man and woman who wed, but if the amendment passes, they will not have the freedom to go to a courthouse and have a justice of the peace join the two in marriage.

The Republican leadership in the Senate filed for cloture on the amendment, meaning there would be limited debates on the floor and pre-empts on any attempts at filibustering. At noon on Wednesday the Senate will vote on the cloture. If it passes, it may be more difficult for those against the Federal Marriage Amendment in the Senate to attempt to change the minds of others.

But there is something that Eastern students can do. Call 202-225-3121 and ask to speak with our Illinois Senators to voice your thoughts on how they should vote. If you can't get through, call the Senators directly. Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL) can be reached at 202-224-2152, and Sen. Peter Fitzgerald (R-IL) can be reached at 202-224-2854.

The editorial is the majority opinion of the Daily Eastern News editorial board.

OPINION

Shame on phony business practices



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Being a college student, I'm learning quite a few things like how to deal with a hangover, how to make dirty clothes wearable without washing them and best of all how to get stuck with a gigantic phone bill.

I recently moved out of the dorms and into an apartment, which is a huge step in freedom. I remember feeling free as a lunch when my mom and sister first dropped me off at Eastern in August of my freshman year, but I guess the saying is true.

The truth is, the novelty of dorm life lasts about as long Jim did in "American Pie." As cool as it was to live with 60 other guys with varying degrees of hygienic conscienciousness, I have been ready for my own place since my freshman room mate peed on our carpet remnant (I will save that story for some other time).

Even though I'm not taking any classes this summer (I swear I'm not a slacker, I'm just lazy), I'm staying in Chuck-town for several jobs and to avoid returning home for another extended period of time.

While I love my apartment and the freedom that is attached to it, I also pay for all that lovely electricity and water and gas,

"The truth is, the novelty of dorm life lasts about as long as Jim did in 'American Pie.'

despite there not being a single gas appliance or hookup in the house (it's a duplex actually).

But I have a mobile, so I figured the phone bill wouldn't be too bad right? I hardly make any calls right? Ninety dollars.

There must be some kind of mistake right? That's what I thought, but somehow even though I didn't understand any of the cryptic charges, taxes and fees on the bill it made sense. The only thing I really understood was the \$1.16 I actually spent on making calls. However, the magical journey from \$1.16 to \$90 is a blur. I guess all I can remember is them telling me to bend over and take my medicine in the most uncomfortable way imaginable.

You can imagine my surprise when going over to Consolidated to get some answers didn't improve the situation. I walked in to the building with a perfect mental list of all the irate ques-

tions I was going to fire at whoever was unfortunate enough to receive me. I had my eye on the prize.

Somehow though, I lost it.

The woman sweet talked me and explained the bill in a different but equally cryptic language. I still didn't understand why I was getting screwed.

I was still trying to put two and ninety together walking through the parking lot to my car clutching my crumpled bill in one hand and a 30 minute phone card, "for my trouble," in the other, when it hit me: she made me sell out for a phone card. I felt cheap and used like a tube of ointment. No one wants to be a tube of ointment squeezed and put back on the shelf.

After I thought about the situation, I figure the woman I spoke to knew exactly what I was going to say when I walked in the door because she had seen it a hundred times. Every college student out on his own must have felt the sting of bloated legal monopolies for the first time, and I'm sure she was waiting with a phone card and a flimsy rationalization.

I guess the price of that lesson wasn't built into tuition.

Cartoon by Derek Schussele



YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It's not about bashing

This is regarding a piece by David Thill, "The opposite of witty is..." (Opinion July 12). At quick glance this article seems right on. When read thoroughly, it emanates a few mislead angles.

The "masses" do not desire damaging information on candidates in the upcoming elections, presidential or otherwise, so much as they crave an incentive to like someone or to the candidate they are voting for on a personal level. The candidate's values line up with their own, their backgrounds are similar or they just agree with the majority of what they have to say. Something clicks with them and the decisions they make are based mostly on that feeling.

Although it might be easi-

er to get a point across or to change someone's mind through slander, lies or cheap shots, (it seems like anything goes in politics these days) it is not true that that's what people want to know about a candidate or what they NEED to know about a candidate. Stances like the environment, the war and draft implementation are craved most, whether your average citizen realizes it or not. These are what make or break an argument, and in the long run, a presidency.

When the face to face political debate between Kerry and Bush eventually comes, discussion will not revolve around John Jerry's fortune he inherited when remarrying or George W. Bush's short-witted answers to journalists in press rooms. The debate will be

conservative and as intellectually improvised as they can make it in that sort of informal atmosphere.

People like O'Reilly and Moore, the one's cheerleading for their team, are smart enough to know there are other sides to their theories and that they should let all sides be told. In fact, they are so conscious of it and in such a dire need to sway people to their side that they would rather deny a fair two-sided debate and risk credibility in hopes of sucking the public in, rather than put a loss of voters on the line while doing things the true journalistic way.

You-speak-I-listen routines are risky to these talking heads in the media, because it leaves room for critique. Moore, O'Reilly, Hannity, Limbaugh, they are all the same. They want their team to win by any means possible. And in the end, through truth of lie, it will have affected voter turnout and choice, but what will have been most effective are the truths, the images conveyed and real political stances upheld by each candidate.

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Let's paint the town

By David Thill
SENIOR EDITOR

The city of Charleston will unveil the most recent addition to its mural project this Saturday. The newest mural, located on the corner of Monroe Avenue and 7th Street, is a display of the arts and entertainment in Charleston. The ceremony will run from 8-9 p.m.

Artist Bernard Williams has designed and painted the murals that have recently popped up around the square. Williams will address the crowd and speak on the mural and the process of painting it. Mayor Cougill will also speak at the dedication ceremony.

The project itself is an effort to beautify the historic town square, said Charleston's director of tourism, Corinne Russell.

"Community residents seem very happy with the beautification process," Russell said. "It has been a very well received program. The murals have benefitted residents and are bringing visitors to the square."

The project has been a partnership between Charleston Tourism, the Tarble Arts Center and the Pathway program at Lake Land Community College. Funding for the project came, in part, from a grant by the Illinois Arts Council and the Ruth and Vaughn Jaenike Access to the Arts Fund of IU.

The Pathways program is a program for students who left high school without a degree, Russell said.

"It is a parallel program that helps students graduate and receive a degree," she said.

Tarble Arts Center was actively involved with the creative process of the mural, as well, Michael Watts, director of the Tarble Arts Center said.

Kit Morice, curator of education at the Tarble Arts Center, served as project coordinator for the center.

"She was on site a lot and did a lot of painting herself as well as serving as liaison between Bernard (Williams) and the mural committee," Watts said.

Watts said Tarble saw the mural project as an opportunity to take part in an outreach program while their galleries are closed down during the summer.

"It was a chance to provide arts activities and to involve other people that usually would not get the chance to do this type of project," Watts said. "A personal goal of mine through partnership with the city is to begin to look for other sources of funding because the TIF funds we are using through the city are beginning to dry out."

If the mural program is going to continue, other sources of funding are going to have to be found, Watts said. Grants through the Illinois Arts Council and a variety of different funding sources to put the funds together to continue the program will be needed, he said.



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Bernard Williams works on a mural at the corner of Monroe Avenue and 7th Street.

Elsinore to perform at Jackson Avenue

By David Thill
SENIOR EDITOR

Local coffee drinkers will get a chance to view a couple of new musical acts at Jackson Avenue Coffee Friday, July 23.

It may have taken four years to get there but local musician Ryan Groff has finally found the musical match that "fits."

Groff has played in such musical acts as The Last Resorts, Green Jenkins and now Elsinore.

"It is so good playing solo. I got to see what it's like being on my own," Groff said. "I didn't have other people to help me make decisions, I had to get gigs myself."

"Now there are two other guys to put in ideas. It's like a democracy."

The acoustic trio began laying together two months ago, and it was quite by accident, Groff said.

"We were just sitting around playing, and it sounded good," Groff said.

The group, which consists of Adam Krug, a computer design major, on guitar and Dave Pride,

a percussion major, on drums, has already performed three shows in Champaign.

The group will play a mixture of songs from Groff's solo repertoire and work on adding harmony to them, Groff said. Elsinore will also play the same style of cover songs as Groff himself has in the past from music acts like Ryan Adams, Elton John and Wilco.

Groff said he enjoyed playing solo but was very excited to lay in a group again.

"This one feels like the way it's supposed to feel," Groff said. "It feels really, really good."

The other act performing will be Liz Bowater. The Chicago-based musician has recently released her new album entitled, "Still Here." Bowater had not intended on playing music until she graduated college and decided that was all she thought about doing, her web site said.

The show will be at Jackson Avenue Coffee from 8:00-10:00 p.m., Friday, July 23. There is no cover charge.

Not holy hand grenade, but still a bomb

By David Thill
SENIOR EDITOR

"King Arthur"
Grade: C+

Not since Graham Chapman and Monty Python has the legend of King Arthur had such a boost, or for that matter even a sense of relevance in pop culture as it has with the recent Touchstone Pictures release, "King Arthur."

The movie is a new take on an old story, one that has long been equated with a fictional legend of an orphan boy who draws his father's sword, Excalibur, from a stone and goes on to become the rightful king of Britain.

The new film is inspired by recent evidence that leads experts to believe that the mythical king did not live in the 1400s but rather a thousand years earlier in the 5th century.

The story begins by describing the Roman empire's conquest of Europe and western Asia. Viewers are also led to believe that King Arthur's legendary knights were not British or even Roman but from Sarmatia, a country conquered by Rome and revered for the fierce fighters it produces.

Fast forward 15 years, Arthur (Clive Owen) and his remaining knights are stationed at a remote outpost in southern Britain and are about to be relieved of duty.

To the north are the Woods, a tribe of



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native warriors led by the "dark magician" Merlin.

But just before the soldiers can go home, they are assigned a final task to rescue a Roman family in the northern part of Britain. This would not have been too difficult a task for the army of Saxons invading the country.

The knights set out and retrieve the family but are pursued closely by the Saxons. Along the way, Arthur and his knights rescue a young Wood girl, Guinevere (Keira Knightley).

Arthur and his knights return to their outpost with the family in tow and are granted their discharge. However, they are followed by the Saxons and are faced with a difficult decision: return home to

safety or stay and help the Woods fight off the Saxons.

"King Arthur" is an action-packed film full of twists and turns, but what else could be expected from the producer of "Black Hawk Down," "Con Air" and "Training Day?"

Yet the film still falls short in a number of categories.

The plot is a bit thin to say the least. Arthur and his knights rescue a family and fight off an entire army of angry Norse men, not too much to build an epic drama on.

The movie struggles to accomplish too much in too little a time. It would have benefited from sticking to one conflict or another, rescue or fight. But attempting to do both makes the film seem thin.

The film suffers from absolutely no character development whatsoever. As all of this drama and action is occurring, there is little dialogue outside of whatever concerns Arthur, and there is no focus on any other characters. By the end of the movie, we are expected to believe that Arthur and Guinevere are deep in love when all the viewer has seen between them is less than 15 minutes of screen time. Not to mention the fact that by the time knights begin to die, we not only know nothing about them but care nothing about them either.

The movie has massive action and amazing sword fights, but the lack of decent dialogue, a plot and characters that are paper thin force the movie to remain mediocre at best.

This just in: Anchorman cheesy, for younger crowd

By Patrick Wimp
SUMMER INTERN

"Anchorman"
Grade: C+

One of the more anticipated comedic releases of the summer, "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy," opened this past weekend to theaters across the nation. The film stars Will Ferrell as the foolish anchorman Ron Burgundy and follows him through his trials and tribulations in the world of TV journalism.

Ferrell is up to his usual antics as Burgundy, goofing and screaming, bringing life to the idiotic newscaster. Ferrell, as expected, is "Anchorman's" strongest asset, although at times even some of his usual jokes and jests are not as effective as they have been in some of his other roles. He does a good job of distinguishing the character and not bringing "Frank the Tank" from "Old School" into the newsroom.

Burgundy is on top of the world until co-star Christina Applegate arrives as the strong-minded anchorwoman Veronica Corningstone. Applegate's character brings a level of professional-

ism to the Channel 4 News team that shows the rest of the team for the buffoons that they are. Applegate does well, but like Ferrell there are some instances where her performance misses the mark.

The weakest point of the film is the fact that many of the characters go above and beyond being over the top. Aside from the mentally challenged "Brick," a part of the Burgundy's news team, the rest of team seems forced and excessively juvenile. Even Ferrell himself has several sequences of yelling and antics that lacked the strength to insight a laugh.

One of the best moments in the film involves a gang fight between the various San Diego news teams. This section is a true crowd pleaser, bringing in Ben Stiller, Luke Wilson and Vince Vaughan to represent the anchors of Burgundy's rivals. The fight sequence is hysterical and out of control, one of the funniest parts paying homage to the original "Planet of the Apes."

On a whole, "Anchorman" is entertaining, it just lacks the attention to character and dialogue that makes films such as "Old School" and "Zoolander" unforgettable.

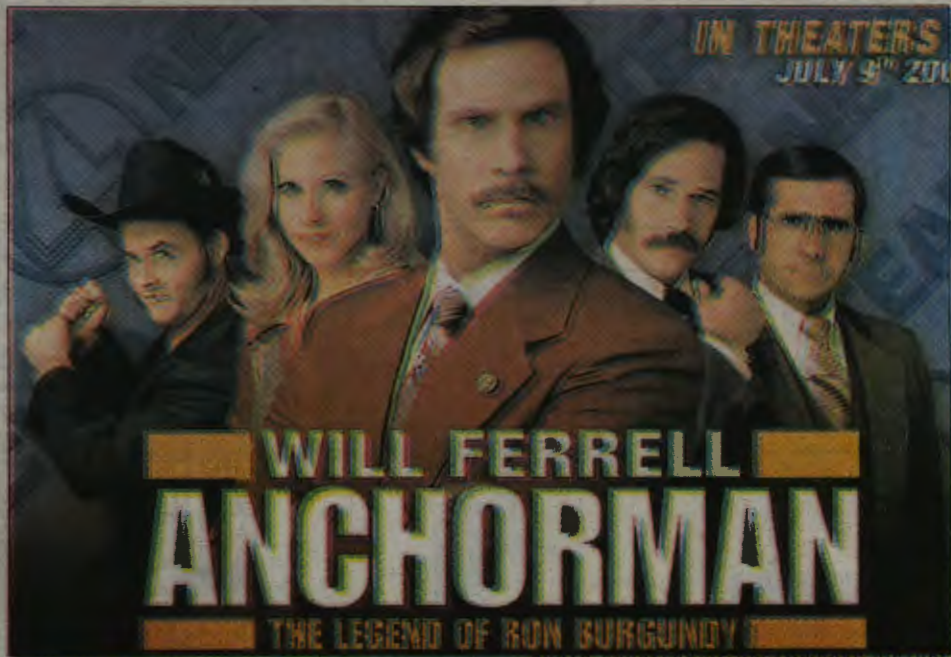


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The film seems geared towards a more adolescent audience. Fans of Ferrell and his new class of comedic cohorts will enjoy watching "Anchorman" for its shining moments,

but for older audiences, this may be one to go see at the two-dollar cinema.

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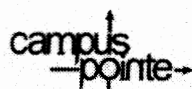


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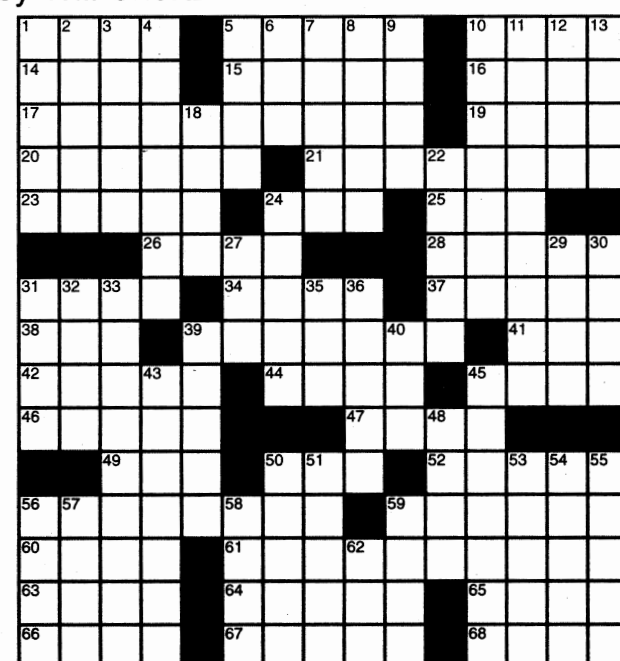
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Six-beer habit revokes license

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — A man who told his doctors that he drinks more than a six-pack of beer per day is now fighting to get his driver's license back because the physicians apparently reported him to the state.

Keith Emerich, 44, said Tuesday that he disclosed his drinking habit in February to doctors who were treating him at a hospital for an irregular heartbeat. "I told them it was over a six-pack a day. It wasn't good for me — I'm not going to lie," Emerich said in a telephone interview from his home in Lebanon, about 10 miles east of Harrisburg.

Emerich received a notice from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in April that his license was being revoked effective May 6 for medical reasons related to substance abuse. He has petitioned a judge to restore the license, and a hearing has been set for July 29.

A state law dating to the 1960s requires doctors to report any physical or mental impairments that could compromise a patient's ability to drive safely, PennDOT spokeswoman Joan Nissley said. Nissley said she could not discuss the details of Emerich's case because of confidentiality requirements that also protect the doctor from being identified.

Teen sues to revoke dad's parental rights

SANDOWN, N.H. (AP) — Patrick Holland was 8 the night his father smashed a window in his Quincy, Mass., home with a golf bag, shot his mother eight times, then beat her in the face with the rifle.

Patrick has little memory of that night in 1998. But he remembers finding his mother's body the next morning, running through shattered glass to call 911, finding the phone ripped out, and rushing outside in his underwear to tell a neighbor he couldn't wake her.

Now, after years of therapy for trauma, depression and anger, Patrick is suing to "divorce" his imprisoned father in a case legal experts say is highly unusual and maybe unprecedented.

Patrick, 14, wants to make sure Daniel Holland can no longer get information about him or play a role in his life.

"He took away a home, a mother, a father, all my friends. Everything I had was gone because of him," the teenager said in a recent interview. "I don't think I'll ever be able to forgive him."

The case is extraordinary because Patrick himself — not his legal guardians, Ron and Rita Lazisky of Sandown — is trying to terminate Holland's parental rights. Nor is he seeking adoption by the Laziskys, who were close friends of his mother's.

Cop says he found hair in Peterson's belongings

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — Prosecutors on Tuesday presented their first piece of physical evidence in Scott Peterson's murder trial — a single strand of dark hair found on a pair of pliers and believed to be from his pregnant wife.

Detective Henry Hendee testified that he noticed the hair while collecting items from the warehouse where Peterson stored a 14-foot boat.

During Peterson's preliminary hearing, experts testified that DNA analysis indicated the hair likely came from Laci Peterson, but the defense has not conceded that point.

Prosecutors say Peterson killed his wife in their Modesto home around Dec. 24, 2002, trucked the body to San Francisco Bay in a large tool box and dropped it overboard from the boat.

Tiger eludes capture after escaping from man's home

LOXAHATCHEE, Fla. (AP) — A 600-pound tiger eluded capture for a second day Tuesday after escaping from the compound of its owner, a former actor who once played Tarzan.

Sheriff's deputies and state game officials set up a perimeter around a 5-acre area of dense slash pines and palm trees, and started beating the bush again at daybreak, said Willie Puz, spokesman for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Wildlife trackers, joined by the cat's owner, Steve Sipek, felt confident they were closing in on the cat, named Bobo, after finding fresh paw prints. They planned to shoot the 6-year-old tiger with tranquilizers but carried shotguns just in case.

Sipek was "very distraught over the whole situation. He feels confident that if he spots the tiger he may be able to talk him into coming to him in a peaceful way," said Jorge Pino, a spokesman for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

Budget snags delay campaigns

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — For the handful of Illinois lawmakers facing hotly contested elections this fall, every day spent in special session with no movement on a state budget is lost time they could spend campaigning.

Democrats control both chambers with wide enough margins that they're not likely to lose power come January even if the party loses a few seats.

But for individual lawmakers, face-to-face contact with voters can make or break their political careers. With the incumbents stuck in Springfield, challengers and Republican organizers statewide can capitalize on that absence.

"It's frustrating being here," said Sen. Gary Forby, D-Benton. "I do need to be home in my district."

Legislators are usually done in

Springfield well before mid-July, but this is far from a normal election year.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich and the four legislative leaders have been unable to agree to a spending plan for the new budget year since the end of May. Negotiations during June made little progress, so Blagojevich called all the legislators back to the Capitol for a special session to turn up the heat. But with no budget deal, the rank-and-file have had little to actually vote on.

Lawmakers met again in special session Tuesday only briefly before adjourning, while Blagojevich and the leaders huddled behind closed doors.

The leaders emerged after several hours saying they had made progress but key questions remained on how to divvy up extra money for schools and on how

to deal with \$100 million they still disagree on in a \$54 billion state budget. Senate President Frank Watson, R-Greenville, said he expected an agreement "pretty quickly" but House Speaker Michael Madigan, D-Chicago, said it would be "later rather than sooner."

The special sessions, while a problem for some lawmakers' work, vacation and campaign schedules, apparently haven't slowed Blagojevich.

The governor, who isn't up for re-election until 2006, raked in about \$5 million from a June 17 event at the Field Museum in Chicago attended by 1,400 people, according to his campaign finance director Kelly Glynn. His next fund-raiser is scheduled for the Democratic National Convention at the end of the month.

Utilities admonished for poor preparation

CHICAGO (AP) — Illinois utilities are not doing enough to improve tree trimming, train their work force or screen employees to reduce the chance of terrorist attacks on the power grid, a state task force says in a report to be released Wednesday.

"We have to have a much more urgent approach to our energy infrastructure," Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn, chairman of the 11-member task force, told The Associated Press Tuesday.

Similar task forces were created in states across the nation after a blackout last August left millions without power in parts of the Midwest and Northeast.

U of I dean appointed to interim provost

CHAMPAIGN (AP) — The dean of the University of Illinois' largest college has been appointed acting provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the Urbana-Champaign campus.

The university's Board of Trustees will be asked Thursday to approve the appointment of Jesse G. Delia, dean of the university's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences since 1994. He was appointed by Interim Chancellor Richard Herman to the post Herman vacated when he moved to the chancellor's office earlier this month, succeeding Nancy Cantor.

Man faces charges in death of high schooler

ELMHURST (AP) — Prosecutors have charged a 38-year-old Elmhurst man with first-degree murder in the death of a high school student, who they say was shot after the teen refused to play a card game that involved a form of Russian roulette.

Anson Paape, a sporadically employed tree-trimmer, was arrested Sunday after a two-day manhunt for the killing of 18-year-old Michael Murray. Prosecutors also charged Paape late Monday with obstruction of justice.

Prosecutors say Murray was among a group of young people who gathered at Paape's Elmhurst home Friday evening. They say Paape loaded a revolver with a single bullet, spun the cylinder and fired at Murray's forehead after the teen refused to play a card game that required the winner to pull the trigger of a gun loaded with one bullet at another player.

DuPage County State's Attorney Joseph Birkett said at a news conference Tuesday that the shooting was not an accident but premeditated murder.

"(Paape) planned to engage in behavior that was likely to cause death or great bodily harm to another human being," Birkett said. "That, ladies and gentlemen, is murder, pure and simple."

Prosecutors also charged 41-year-old William Larsen with obstruction of justice and aiding a fugitive, both felony charges, for allegedly letting Paape stay at his home while police searched for him.

DuPage County Judge George Sotos on Tuesday ordered Paape held without bond and continued his bond hearing until July 22, said Laura Pollastrini, a spokeswoman for Birkett. Larsen's bond was set at \$100,000.

Chicago bank settles federal discrimination lawsuit

CHICAGO (AP) — A Chicago-area bank that federal prosecutors say illegally avoided doing business in minority neighborhoods has agreed to open branches and invest nearly \$6 million in predominantly black and Hispanic communities to settle a federal discrimination lawsuit, authorities announced Tuesday.

The suit alleged that First American Bank engaged in a practice called redlining, where loans and other services were denied in black and Hispanic neighborhoods in and around Chicago and in the Kankakee area.

"No one should be denied access to a loan to buy a home or a car or to start a business because of where they live," said Steven Rosenbaum, a top official in the Justice Department's civil rights division who appeared with U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald at a Tuesday news conference.

"But that's what's happened here." As part of the settlement, First American Bank must in five years invest \$5 million in a special financing program

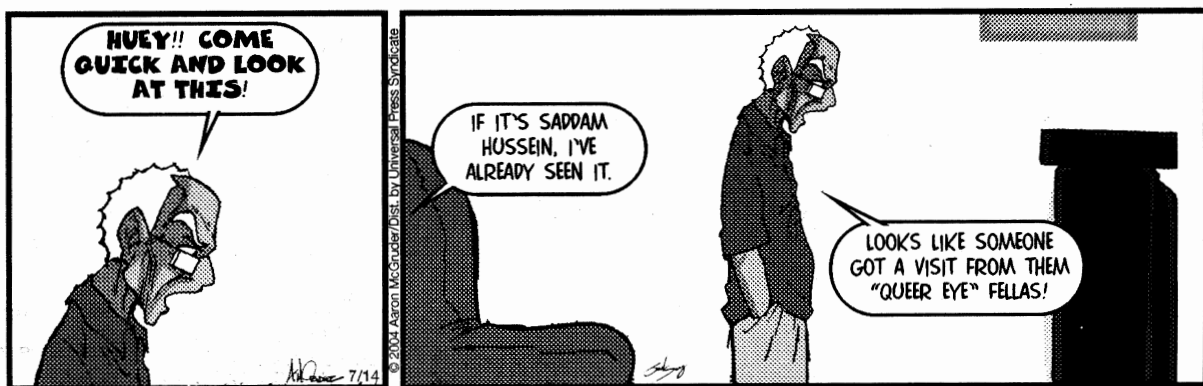
to offer residents and small businesses in predominantly minority areas subsidized interest rates. The rates would be at least a half percentage point below what the bank would normally charge — a move Fitzgerald said would result in an "additional approximately \$80 million in loans in those areas."

The settlement also calls for the bank to spend at least \$400,000 to advertise its services in predominantly minority areas and another \$300,000 on a consumer education program in those areas.

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SPORTS

Panther sports camps calendar

July 11-14	H.S. Advanced Baseball Camp
July 11-15	Soccer Camp for Boys
July 15-17	J.H. Team Shoot-Out Camp
July 15-17	H.S. Basketball Camp II
July 25-29	Coed Tennis Camp II

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Little-known knowledge

I would hope that a good percentage of the 15,000-plus students and employees of Eastern Illinois could produce the name of our athletic conference if asked.

Eastern has 22 intercollegiate athletics programs, an even 11-11 split between men's and women's sports.

Some sports can be played at high levels by both sexes namely: basketball, swimming and diving, track and field, cross country, tennis, golf and even though Eastern only offers women's programs for them, rugby and volleyball.

And I know there's one that I'm forgetting, oh yeah, soccer. Both men and women have long showed they can excel at the world's most popular sport, so most schools should have dual soccer programs, right?

Well, actually, no, not in the Ohio Valley Conference. Eastern is actually the only school in the 11-team league to have a men's soccer program. Other Midwest schools, such as Missouri Valley Conference members, Northern Iowa, Indiana State, Illinois State and Southern Illinois don't have men's soccer either. So that means Eastern needs a conference and the MVC needs some affiliate-members to have a league, bringing us to an EIU athletics fact that most of the campus population cannot tell you: EIU is actually part of the MVC too.

As much as I don't like to hear it, the MVC is rated higher in most sports than the OVC. Basketball is probably the most obvious, but MVC programs in baseball, volleyball and women's soccer have outperformed OVC squads consistently.

Men's soccer is no exception. The league is always ranked among the top tier in the country and has been tough on Eastern. When the Major League Soccer opened its 2004 campaign in April, 16 former MVC standouts had roster spots. To put that into context, I can think of only one OVC basketball player who is still on a NBA roster, former Austin Peay standout Trenton Hassell of the Timberwolves.

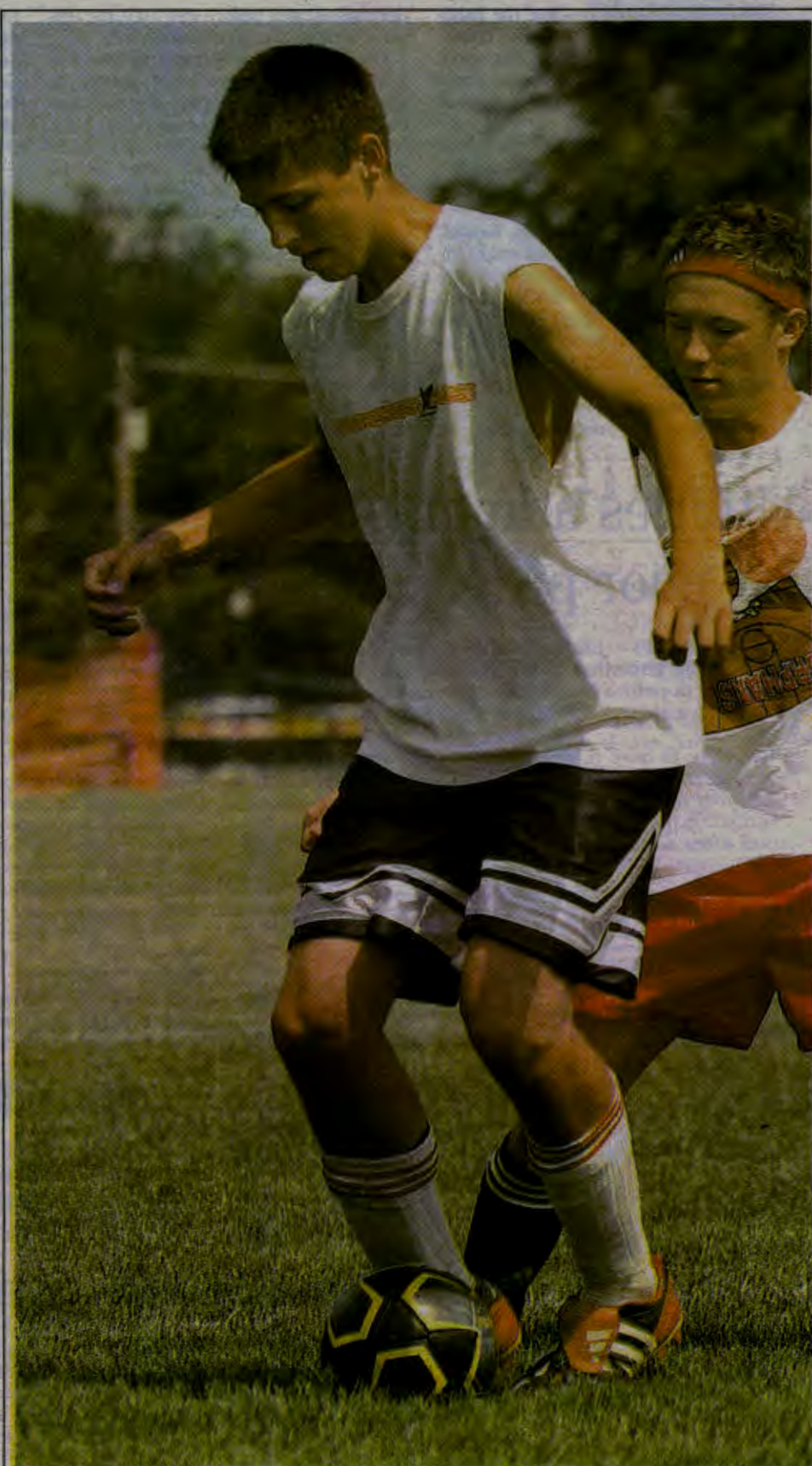
Despite going winless in MVC play (0-8-1) in 2003, the Panthers actually posted a winning non-conference record (5-4-1), the fourth time they have done so during the four-year tenure of head coach Adam Howarth.

The Valley sent three teams to the NCAA Men's Soccer Championships last season and Creighton advanced to the quarterfinals of the 32-team tournament.

During the NCAA off-season, numerous MVC players suit up for teams in the four-conference, 55-team Premier Development League. The league features MLS and independent team affiliates, and EIU's leading soccer in 2003, Jimmy Klatter, tallied five goals and 13 points in 13 games with the Chicago Fire Reserves.

Other schools like Bradley, Creighton, Drake and Evansville don't have football programs either, which means that men's soccer is the primary fall men's sport. That translates into better fields and stadiums, the latter translating into bigger crowds.

This fall Eastern opens its regular season at home against Butler on Sept. 1, but then doesn't play at home again until MVC play opens on Oct. 1. Can you think of a better definition of tough schedule?



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Soccer Kicker

Players from Centralia High School practice defensive maneuvers Tuesday afternoon on one of the intramural soccer fields south of the Campus Pond. The players were taking part in the Advanced Soccer Team Camp for Boys led by Eastern soccer coach Adam Howarth. The camp lasts through Thursday.

Mountains ahead!

Time for Armstrong, others to shine as Tour gets serious

GUERET, France (AP) — Move over sprinters, time for climbers to shine.

The charge for the Tour de France title intensifies Wednesday with the first mountain stage — a chance for five-time champion Lance Armstrong and other contenders to test their legs before mightier battles in the Pyrenees and Alps.

"It will be hard, especially if the race starts aggressively like it did today," Armstrong said after Tuesday's ninth stage.

Armstrong remained in sixth place overall, finishing 44th Tuesday behind stage winner Robbie McEwen of Australia. The 32-year-old Texan is 9 minutes, 35 seconds behind leader Thomas Voeckler of France.

Wednesday's 147-mile trek through the Massif Central of central France is the longest of this Tour and has nine climbs, including the most difficult so far — 3 1/2-mile ascent to 5,243 feet, which gets steeper as it goes up.

"It's going to be tough ... up and down all day," Armstrong said. "Unfortunately, it's a stage we haven't seen. It's a hard day ahead."

"The team is great and healthy," he added. "Everyone's recovered from their small crashes."

Sprinters who have dominated the mostly flat early stages will struggle. Such speedsters include McEwen. Climbers and all-arounders like Armstrong will move to the fore — possibly offering an early look at how strong the main contenders are.

"The Tour starts now," American Tyler Hamilton, a former teammate and rival of Armstrong's, on Monday's rest day. "The upcoming stages will really show who is here to win."

The hilly 99 1/2-mile stage, the shortest this year except for time trial courses, started in Saint-Leonard-de-Noblat in central France, the hometown of retired Tour great Raymond Poulidor. He is loved by fans even though he never won the showcase race — finishing either second or third a record eight times between 1962 and 1976.

McEwen became the first rider to win two stages at this Tour. But when he set out Tuesday, he wasn't even sure he'd make it to the finish. Banged up in a mass crash on Friday, he rode with a sore back and knee and said he started the day thinking, "I just hope I survive."

Challenges face Phelps

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — The challenges just keep coming for Michael Phelps.

The world's best swimmer couldn't keep pace with Aaron Peirsol leaving the final turn in the 200-meter backstroke, and lost for the first time at the U.S. Olympic swim trials Monday night.

Peirsol pulled away on the final lap to win in a world record 1 minute, 54.74 seconds — breaking his own mark of 1:55.15 set two years ago. Phelps earned the other Olympic berth, finishing second in 1:55.86.

His next challenge comes Tuesday night in the 100 butterfly final, the last of Phelps' six individual races at the eight-day trials. Like the 200 back, it will be another match race: Phelps vs. world record holder Ian Crocker.

Crocker was the fastest semifinal qualifier in 51.25 seconds. Phelps won his heat in 51.89.

"I love going fast. I love surprising myself," Crocker said. "That's my thrill. I'm real interested to see how fast I can go, and I'm real interested to see where Michael is at, too."

On Tuesday morning, Jenny Thompson was top qualifier in the 50 freestyle at 25.15. Kara Lynn Joyce, an upset winner in the 100 freestyle the previous night, was second at 25.16, and Natalie Coughlin also advanced to the semifinals with the fourth-fastest time (25.49).

Thompson, a 10-time medalist who will be competing in her fourth Olympics, bounced back from a disappointing fifth-place finish in the 100 free.

"I felt good this morning, surprisingly," she said. "After last night, I had a little more motivation."

Erik Vendt went fastest in preliminaries for the grueling 1,500 free at 15:18.15. "I'm right where I wanted to be," he said.

But Chris Thompson, the bronze medalist from Sydney, failed to make the team after fracturing both elbows during a training fall two months ago. While the elbows have mostly healed, he wasn't able to do regular training until the last two weeks.

"I'm really excited," said Phelps, who succeeded in breaking the 52-second barrier in the semifinals. "Hopefully with some good rest, him and I and the rest of the field will have a good race."

Phelps keeps a photo of Crocker on his bedroom wall as motivation. He may need to

add one of Peirsol, who has defeated him in their last three meetings, including twice at a meet in Santa Clara in May.

"I don't ever want to lose my race," said Peirsol, the silver medalist in Sydney who hasn't lost the 200 back since then. "I love the thing."

Peirsol and Phelps were both under world record pace for the first three laps, matching each other nearly stroke-for-stroke. Then Peirsol came off the final turn faster, and Phelps said that cost him the race.

"It's going to make me go back to the drawing board and try to change some things," Phelps said. "It gave me sort of a message. I knew what I'm trying to do isn't easy. No one said it was."

Phelps bounced back to win the 200 individual medley, making him the first American male to qualify for five individual swimming events at an Olympics. It was his third race of the night, all in just over an hour.

At the Athens Games, he wants to break Mark Spitz's record of seven gold medals.

Phelps won the 200 IM in 1:56.71 — 0.77 seconds off his own world record. Ryan Lochte took the second Olympic berth at 1:59.71.

Amanda Beard is going to her third Olympics, having qualified in three events. She won the 200 breaststroke by nearly 5 seconds in a world record time of 2:22.44. That broke the mark of 2:22.96 set by Australia's Leisel Jones, who had taken the record from Beard last week.

Caroline Bruce was the surprise runner-up, earning her first trip to the Olympics in 2:27.22. Former Olympians Kristy Kowal (third), Megan Quann (sixth) and Staciana Stitt (eighth) failed to qualify for Athens. Tara Kirk, already going to the Olympics in the 100 breaststroke, finished fifth.

There was another upset in the 100 freestyle when Kara Lynn Joyce held off Natalie Coughlin by four-hundredths of a second.

Joyce won with a time of 54.38. Coughlin was second in 54.42. They each qualified for the Olympics. Jenny Thompson was fifth at 55.03, but she could still land a spot on the relay team.

Maritza Correia finished fourth and became the first black woman to make the U.S. swimming team. She'll be eligible for the relay.